

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF LEE, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

FEBRUARY 18, 2008

The Finance Committee meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 2:00 p.m. in the Wicker Conference Room, First Floor, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present were James C. Kelly, Robert T. Reives, and Linda A. Shook. Also present for the meeting were County Manager John Crumpton, Attorney K. R. Hoyle, Finance Director Lisa Minter, Clerk to the Board Gaynell Lee, and Ted Cole and Bob High from Davenport & Company.

Finance Committee Chairman Robert Reives called the meeting to order and the following items were discussed:

<u>Computing Support Technician II Position</u> – Chairman Reives removed this item from the agenda and asked IT Director Ryan Draughn to go through the regular upcoming budget process to request this new position for his department. Mr. Draughn passed out information in reference to his request to committee members. No action was taken.

Waterline Extensions for County Residents – County Manager John Crumpton stated that some county residents with wells have notified him of their need for the waterline extension in their neighborhoods. Due to the drought, the City of Sanford has also received several requests to extend waterlines to County residents; however, the City has not extended the lines because they do not have authority to assess the cost to the customers. It was noted the City cannot go outside the city limits to assess for water lines without authorization from the County. Mr. Hoyle stated the City of Sanford would have to request from the County permission to assess county residents if waterlines are extended beyond the city limits. Mr. Crumpton stated a Water Assessment District might have to be set up to handle this matter. Mr. Crumpton was asked to follow-up with the City Manager on this matter. No action was taken.

<u>Davenport & Company Financial Report</u> – Mr. Ted Cole and Mr. Bob High from Davenport & Company gave a financial presentation on the effects of the ¼ percent sales tax on the County's ability to borrow money for future capital projects. The report took into account Lottery proceeds, ADM revenues, property tax increases and decreases, and what future borrowing capacity the County may have with the sales tax revenue. The same report will be given to the full Board at the 3:00 p.m. meeting. No action was taken.

Resolution Asking the Board of Elections to Hold a Special Election – County Manager John Crumpton presented a resolution asking the Board of Elections to hold a special election for the levy of a local ¼-cent sales tax on May 6, 2008. After some discussion, Commissioner Kelly moved to approve the resolution and recommend to the full Board a Resolution by the Lee County Board of Commissioners Requesting the Lee County Board of Elections Hold A Special Election Advisory Referendum for the Levy of a Local Sales Tax. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Kelly, Reives, and Shook

Nay: None

Chairman Reives moved the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Resolution Stating Intended Uses if ¼-Cent Sales Tax Passes — County Manager John Crumpton presented a resolution for consideration asking the Board to designate revenue from the ¼-cent sales tax for specific purposes. Mr. Crumpton stated the resolution had been slightly amended from the one furnished in the agenda package. After some discussion, Commissioner Kelly moved to approve the amended resolution and recommend to the full Board a Resolution by the Lee County Board of Commissioners Stating the Intended Uses of the 2007 ¼-Cent Sales Tax Revenue if the Advisory Referendum for the Levy of a Local Tax Passes by Majority Vote. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Kelly, Reives, and Shook

Nay: None

Chairman Reives moved the motion had been adopted unanimously.

<u>Recommended 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)</u> – County Manager John Crumpton passed out the recommended CIP for review.

With no further business to come before the Finance Committee, Commissioner Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Kelly, Reives, and Shook

Nay: None

Chairman Reives moved the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned in keeping with the motion.

ATTEST:	Robert T. Reives, Chairman Lee County Finance Committee	_
Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk		